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IMPORT OF VANASPATI
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of Vanaspati from Nepal has been growing since the recent past; and

(b) if so, the complete details of consumption(deman

(d), indigenous production and imports from Nepal/other countries during the last three years and current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Under the current India-Nepal Treaty of Trade which has been in force for a period of five years from 6.3.2002, duty-free import of vanaspati from Nepal into India is restricted to one lakh metric tones per annum, and this is being imported through State Trading Corporation of India (STC) and distributed all over India to minimize its impact in any particular region.

(b)As per the available information, the domestic consumption of vanaspati is around 16 lakh metric tones per year, and the indigenous production and imports from Nepal and other countries are as under:

Indigenous (domestic) production of vanaspati

Year (Oil year November-October)	Production (in thousand MTs)
2002-2003 -	12.25 Lakh MTs
2003-2004 -	11.59 Lakh MTs
2004-2005 -	11.39 Lakh MTs
2005-2006 -	10.48 Lakh MTs

(Up to September)

Import of Vanaspati from Nepal and other Countries

Source of Import	-2003-2004- (April-March)	2004-2005 (April-March)	-2005-2006 (April-March)	-2006-2007 -
Nepal	77,712 MTs	66,042 MTs	90,250MTs	59,443 MTs
(Data source: STC)	(6.3.2006 to 31.10.2006)			
Other countries	10,522 MTs	48,750MTs	2,57,097MTs	51,635 MTs (Apr-Jun 2006)

(source:
export-
import
data
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DoC)